

Easterling, Deborah

From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 1:31 PM
To: 'Jocelyn Boyd' [mailto:jocelyn.boyd@duke-energy.com]
Subject: RE: Proposed Duke Energy Foothills project

Dear Ms. McNeil,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E - Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC, and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Coordinator

-----Original Message-----

From: Boyd, Jocelyn
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 8:37 AM
To: Easterling, Deborah; Duke, Daphne; DeSanty, Tricia
Subject: FW: Proposed Duke Energy Foothills project

-----Original Message-----

From: Pam [mailto:pam.mcnail@duke-energy.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2015 11:03 PM
To: Boyd, Jocelyn
Subject: Proposed Duke Energy Foothills project

I am writing to you in regards to the proposed Duke Energy Foothills Project.

I strongly urge you and all involved to investigate other venues of transmission in lieu of this environmental monstrosity that is currently proposed. The Foothills of Polk County and upper Spartanburg and Greenville counties (SC) draws thousands of visitors each year; some are brought here by equestrian venues (note the new Tryon International Equestrian Center located here), some by the many artistic venues, some for the "small town" safety for their children, some to spend their last years - and they all love the mountains, the sweeping Foothills vistas that can be seen so beautifully from all over the area. Those of us who are permanent residents depend on these folks for much of our livelihood. Our businesses center around human and equestrian services, tourism and local events celebrating the beauty of our land. Having 40-foot transmission towers scarring the landscape is a travesty not only to the landscape but to those of us who live here as well.

I am aware that Duke Energy is planning this order to clean up its coal ash mess, but creating another mess in addition to massive ill-will is not the solution. Duke Energy touts itself as being a leader in alternative energies (yes, I read the magazine!); this is the time to explore those energies, to use the existing rights-of-way, to truly show the people of the Foothills that it's purpose is indeed to serve them and not Duke Energy's own self-serving interests.

Please - do not do this. Please.

Pam McNeil